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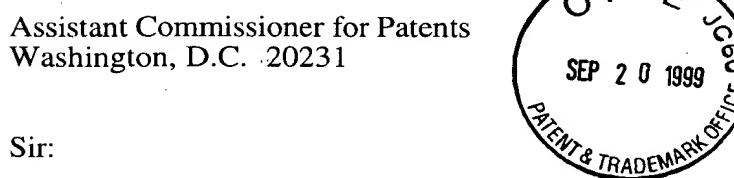
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In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 1999, please consider the following amendments, traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments prior to examination of the captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Petition for an Extension of Time for a period of time of one (1) month up to and including September 20, 1999; (b) a Fee Transmittal sheet; (c) an Information Disclosure Statement; (d) Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references; (e) a Substitute Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form; (f) a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825; and (g) a copy of the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

***In the Specification:***

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At page 1, line 4, after "July 16, 1997," please insert -copending U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/055,952, filed on August 18, 1997, and -.

At page 13, line 8, please delete "(150 mM NaCl, 15 mM trisodium citrate)" and replace therefor --(750 mM NaCl, 75 mM trisodium citrate)--.

Please cancel the originally filed Sequence Listing (pages 1-7) and replace with the Substitute Sequence Listing (pages 1-7) attached hereto.